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FM AMEMBASSY BRIDGETOWN

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INFO AMEMBASSY CARACAS

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C O N F I D E N T I A L BRIDGETOWN 2384

LIMDIS

CARACAS FOR LEGATT

STATE PASS JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1 AND 4

TAGS: MPOL,PINS,BB

SUBJ: ALLEGED PLOT TO OVERTHROW GOB

REF: BRIDGETOWN 2380

1. FOLLOWING DECEMBER 3 BRIEFING BY STATE/FBI TEAM OF GOB SECURITY AND POLICE OFFICIALS REPORTED BRIDGETOWN 2381, POLICE COMMISSIONER GEORGE REID INQUIRED OF ME WHETHER EMBASSY HAD RECEIVED ANY FURTHER INFORMATION FROM FBI REGARDING COUP PLOT. I SAID WE HAD NOT BUT UNDERSTOOD GOB MAKING PROGRESS IN ITS INVESTIGATION AND URGED THAT WE BE PROVIDED WITH ANY INFORMATION POLICE MIGHT UNCOVER THAT WOULD SUGGEST VIOLATION OF NEUTRALITY ACT. HE REPLIED THAT TO DATE POLICE HAD FOUND "NO EVIDENCE AT ALL" INDICATING SUCH VIOLATION.

2. COMMENT: REID'S STATEMENT OBVIOUSLY IS AT VARIANCE WITH EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER FORDE'S STATEMENT OF NOVEMBER 29, REPORTED BRIDGETOWN 2327. OF COURSE, FORDE MAY KNOW SOMETHING REID DOES NOT, BUT THIS SEEMS LESS LIKELY THAN HYPOTHESIS THAT GOB HAS OVER-REACTED TO COUP PLOT AND IS TRYING TO GET US TO  
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HELP THEM RETRIEVE CHESTNUTS NOW SERIOUSLY IN DANGER OF BEING

BURNT TO A CRISP. ON DECEMBER 4, OPPOSITION LEADER FREDERICK SMITH TOLD ME HE PROPOSED TO CALL FOR HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY DEBATE ON ALLEGED PLOT FOLLOWING HOUSE'S CHRISTMAS RECESS AND THAT DEBATE WOULD SHOW GOB HAD BEEN MOTIVATED IN ITS ACTIONS PRIMARILY BY DESIRE TO DISCREDIT OPPOSITION, NOT BY CONCERN FOR COUNTRY'S SECURITY. HE ALSO SAID THAT HE HAD HEARD FROM A RELIABLE SOURCE THAT ARMS BEING TRANSPORTED BY ALLEYNE WERE INTENDED FOR GRENADA, NOT BARBADOS. END COMMENT

3. DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS REFTEL AS WELL AS PRESENT MESSAGE TO JUSTICE. DEPARTMENT ALSO PLEASE REPEAT REFTEL TO CARACAS FOR LEGATT.  
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